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**Subject:** Hazardous Materials Spill Update: Cal OES Control #:15-6321  
**Date:** Friday, November 20, 2015 12:01:52 PM

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Governor's Office of Emergency Services  
Hazardous Materials Spill Update  
CONTROL #: 15-6321 NRC#:

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NOTIFY DATE/TIME: 10/26/2015 / 1146  
RECEIVED BY: Bradley Ahlm | OCCURENCE DATE/TIME:10/24/2015 /  
1100  
CITY/OP. AREA: Northridge/Los Angeles County

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1.a. PERSON NOTIFYING Cal OES  
PERSON CALLING Cal OES: Paul Smith | AGENCY: So Cal Gas  
PHONE #: 310-499-3441 | EXT: | PAGER #(CELLPHONE):

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1.b. PERSON REPORTING SPILL (If different from above):  
PERSON CALLING Cal OES: | AGENCY:  
PHONE #: | EXT: | PAGER #(CELLPHONE):

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SUBSTANCE TYPE:

a. SUBSTANCE: / b.QTY: Amount / Measure / c. TYPE / d. OTHER / e.  
Pipeline / f. Vessel Over => 300 tons  
1. Natural Gas / unk / N/A / VAPOR / / No / No

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Original Description: RP states that a leak of natural gas is occurring  
near a well head at a storage field.  
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Update(s): 11/03/2015 09:39:38 AM - DOG has been aware of this release  
since October 23rd when the release was reported to them. The release was  
venting over a third of an acre due to a plugged line the natural gas was  
venting through gopher holes and cracks in the cement. There has been ant  
80% reduction of the release since the onset due to unplugging the line.  
Per DOG the release will be contained within the next 24 to 36 hours  
waiting on special equipment in to handle the release/kill the well head.  
; 11/06/2015 08:57:44 AM - Per DOG 2-The well head is in the process of  
being capped today equipment is on site. There is still is no threat to  
the public. A Well Control Specialist is on scene who is going to remove  
the blockage from the well. If all goes well the well should be capped  
today. A meeting was held with the public with DOG, Fire, ARB and community  
officials present to advise the public reading of the area were below OSHA

exposure levels and explosive gases levels.

; 11/09/2015 12:56:22 PM - Per DOG2, the release is on going. Well pressures and release rate have remained steady over last week. Surveys are on going to ensure safe operations in preparation to plug the well. DOG will advise when plugging of the line is complete.

; 11/13/2015 05:44:06 PM - RP states that well killing operations are underway. Operations are on going and is being monitored 24/7. Hazardous Materials Spill Report# 15-6708 is directly related to this incident. The incident is on the same well and occurred due to the well killing operations. Caller states that there is no threat to the public.

; 11/17/2015 02:04:45 PM - The well is 1,200 feet above the canyon and approximately 1 mile from homes. The natural gas is not considered a hazardous air pollutant or toxic, and does not pose a danger to the public. Since the discovery, SoCalGas has conducted a series of tests to determine the nature of the leak and proper course of action to correct it. Today, SoCalGas is continuing a multi-day process of pumping fluids into the storage well to stop the flow of gas, with the goal of filling the well pipe with enough brine solution to outweigh the pressure of the gas coming from the ground and plug the gas flow. Once the flow of gas is stopped, SoCalGas will attempt to place a permanent seal at the bottom of the well pipe. The residents in the surrounding communities have been notified of the current status via an automated phone message distributed via reverse 9-1-1.

; 11/20/2015 11:57:25 AM -

- So Cal Gas is Digging a relief well to 7-8K feet and adjacent to the affected well (SS-25) to gain access to it. This will be done concurrently with continuing to kill well SS-25. If the well is killed as exhibited by the amount of escaping vapors staying low, they will discontinue with drilling the relief well. But they will continue until they are positive the procedure on well SS-25 is working.

- In the meantime, they are using a gyroscope in well SS-25 to get tighter coordinates so the relief well can reach well SS-25. If they have to proceed with the relief well, it can take up to 90 days to reach well SS-25.

- LA Public Health has now issued a formal press release addressing the long-term and short-term effects to the residents health from the odor. There are no long-term effects but some people could experience short-term health effects (nausea/headache). As a result, So Cal Gas needs to provide relocation assistance and thus far they have received 6 residents interested in the program.

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PERSON NOTIFYING Cal OES OF SPILL UPDATE:

NAME: SDO | AGENCY: Cal OES  
PHONE #: | EXT: | PAGER #(CELLPHONE):

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UPDATE QUANTITY:

1. Amount: N/A
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3. Amount:
4. Amount:

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UPDATE RECEIVED BY: Sandra Llavore

UPDATE KNOWN IMPACT:

UPDATE CAUSE:

SITUATION UPDATE:

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